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SUBJECT: Federal Funds for Arny Creek (Llangollen)
Area Ground Water Problems

DATE: September 15, 1978

FROM: Albert Montague, Director
Office of Research & Development (3R000)

TO: Jack J. Schramm
Regional Administrator (3RA00)

With regard to the above subject concern, and as designated representative to the recently formed task force seeking resolution, I attended a meeting at the New Castle County engineering office on September 7, 1978. Representations consisted of individuals from Senator Biden's Administrative Assistant, Mr. Vincent D'Anna, the State DNR, County 208 Agency and R.F. Weston Engineering Consultants. The meeting was convened to ascertain what Federal assistance might be available to assist the County in addressing the subject problem. After a brief introduction by the Chairperson, Mr. Dworsky, 208 Program Administrator, on the current status of their activity, the writer was asked to discuss what Federal funds, if any, may be available to address this problem. I indicated that at this time it appears that only source of funding may be available from the Agency's OR&D program. The County and Mr. D'Anna indicated that they were eager to get the \$250,000 that was specifically authorized for Llangollen in the RCRA, but not appropriated because of the Agency's past position before the Proxmire Committee on this issue. They also wished to obtain the balance, of a \$50,000, i.e. \$35,000, commitment made by Ms. Barbara Blum to Senator Biden last year, to further assist the County in addressing this serious problem. We also discussed the possibility of getting additional research support, by their participating in certain landfill research efforts currently being sponsored by OR&D, Cincinnati. We offered to assist them in this regard, should they wish to proceed in this direction. I suggested that they independently explore other possible Federal sources of funding as well.

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Since their concerns also included long term funding, based on their current plan, I suggested that we have another meeting in the Regional Office with key representatives from Construction Grants, Solid Wastes, Water Supply and OR&D programs. This meeting was held on September 11, 1978 and as a result of our joint

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discussions and follow-up telephone conversations with Mr. Dworsky we are actively supporting the County in attempting to acquire the aforementioned OR&D funds. Additionally, there are strong indications that the County and State may ask their Congressional representatives to introduce special legislation to obtain financial assistance under the CWA Construction Grant program. Aside from these efforts, we were unable to surface other eligible sources of funding under RCRA or DWSA that could be applied to this problem at this meeting.

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